- 1 CHAIR JAMES: Okay. Let's go through 7, gambling's
- 2 impact on people and places. 7.1.
- 3 COMMISSIONER LOESCHER: Madam Chairman, I move 7.1.
- 4 CHAIR JAMES: Well, let me read it, and then we'll act
- 5 on it. The Commission recommends to state, local, and tribal
- 6 governments that when considering the legalization of gambling or
- 7 the repeal of gambling that is already legal, they should
- 8 recognize that at the level of specific communities, especially
- 9 economically depressed communities, casino gambling has
- 10 demonstrated the ability to generate economic development through
- 11 the creation of quality jobs.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BIBLE: I'll second.
- 13 COMMISSIONER McCARTHY: May I make one --
- 14 CHAIR JAMES: It has been moved, seconded.
- 15 COMMISSIONER McCARTHY: To the author, may I make --
- 16 are you the author of this, Bob?
- 17 COMMISSIONER LOESCHER: No, but I like it.
- 18 COMMISSIONER McCARTHY: May I make one very simple
- 19 suggestion that I think would only strengthen what I understand
- 20 to be the main objective here? Which is, just to delete the
- 21 words "at the level of specific communities especially" and just
- 22 insert the word "in." So that we are saying they should
- 23 recognize that in economically depressed communities. That is
- 24 the point we're accenting here.
- I am not sure what "at the level of specific
- 26 communities" -- I think we want to say economically depressed
- 27 communities. If that is the main objective, if I might suggest
- 28 just deleting those words.
- 29 COMMISSIONER WILHELM: I would respectfully disagree.
- 30 It is certainly true that this recommendation, at least as I

- 1 drafted it, was designed to accentuate that the case is best made
- 2 in economically depressed communities. But on the other hand, it
- 3 wasn't designed to be limited only to economically depressed
- 4 communities.
- 5 The purpose of the phrase "at the level of specific
- 6 communities" is to -- it was an attempt, and it may not be
- 7 artful, but it was an attempt to take into account the point that
- 8 Richard and others have made, but I particularly recall Richard
- 9 making this point a number of times, that it is one thing to say
- 10 that the economic development impact resulting from the creation
- of quality jobs is beneficial in a particular community, but we
- 12 don't have data to say whether it's beneficial over a wider area.
- 13 So that may not be the right way to do that, but that was the
- 14 goal of the phrase "at the level of specific communities."
- 15 COMMISSIONER McCARTHY: I guess what I have been trying
- 16 to avoid, and I do appreciate the explanation, I guess what I
- 17 have been trying to avoid is decisions to legalize gambling
- 18 cannot be limited to the host communities, which I think we may
- 19 collectively agree generally will be beneficiaries on balance.
- 20 If we do not continue to try to relate to feeder
- 21 communities which may provide most of the players to the host
- 22 community in which the casino, tribal or non-tribal, is located,
- 23 we do not understand how to try to calculate the costs and the
- 24 benefits of the legalized gambling.
- I know this has come up a number of times in different
- 26 chapters when we have pursued this. We have this inclination to
- 27 look only at the host community. That is only a part of the
- 28 problem here. So I have raised it a couple of times in
- 29 discussions today.

- 1 CHAIR JAMES: Commissioner Dobson?
- 2 COMMISSIONER DOBSON: Going back to a point that
- 3 Commissioner Wilhelm made earlier about our efforts to address
- 4 both the positive and negative impacts of these recommendations
- 5 in the areas that they addressed, I am really bothered by 7.1
- 6 because of its directionality. It does not include the possible
- 7 negative impacts of gambling.
- 8 I would like to suggest a substitute recommendation as
- 9 follows. The Commission recommends that state, local, and tribal
- 10 governments recognize that destination casino style gambling has
- 11 demonstrated a greater ability to create jobs than has other
- 12 forms of gambling, including lotteries, internet gambling, and
- 13 non-casino electronic gambling devices.
- 14 COMMISSIONER BIBLE: That sounds like a modification of
- 15 7.2
- 16 COMMISSIONER DOBSON: Well, it really is. It is a
- 17 combination of 1 and 2. It really puts them together.
- 18 CHAIR JAMES: John, since you are the holder of this
- 19 motion --
- 20 COMMISSIONER WILHELM: Well, I didn't make the motion.
- 21 I did draft the language. We can vote on Jim's suggestion. I
- 22 don't think it's -- I would not look upon it as a substitute for
- 23 this one.
- 7.1, in my mind, was an attempt to narrowly make the
- 25 statement not about net benefits. I have come around to the
- 26 notion that the only thing our record says about net economic
- 27 benefits is in depressed communities. Our record at the NRC and
- 28 others, NORC, others, do support that notion.
- 29 But I have tried to draw this one not on the basis of
- 30 net economic benefits, but rather on the notion that economic

- 1 development through the creation of quality jobs is possible this
- 2 way. That is not a comment on the net benefits, nor is it a
- 3 comment on the regional benefits either.
- 4 COMMISSIONER DOBSON: John, address the last clause
- 5 there then. Casino gambling has demonstrated the ability to
- 6 generate economic development through the creation of quality
- 7 jobs. That's positive. That is the bottom line to that
- 8 statement.
- 9 COMMISSIONER WILHELM: No. I think the record is clear
- 10 that casino gambling has in fact demonstrated the ability to
- 11 generate economic development through the creation of quality
- 12 jobs. That is not the same thing as saying, and I have stopped
- 13 short of saying on purpose because I don't think we have a
- 14 consensus on this, that the net economic benefits, when you
- 15 consider all of the positives and all of what Richard calls the
- 16 externalities, are positive. I don't believe we have a consensus
- on that, so I haven't tried to say it.
- 18 COMMISSIONER BIBLE: Well as I would read this
- 19 statement, what you are in effect saying is some place like
- 20 Biloxi or some place like Gulfport has had a benefit in terms of
- 21 economic development through the creation of jobs when they
- 22 legalize gambling, if I understand the language.
- 23 COMMISSIONER WILHELM: Yes. Now again, our report will
- 24 say in many different places that there are all these other costs
- 25 that need to be considered and I accept that.
- 26 CHAIR JAMES: Let me ask this. What is before us right
- 27 now is 7.1. There was an attempt to amend it by taking out "at
- 28 the level of specific communities especially" and put in "in." I
- 29 did not hear support for that. So the language stands "at the

- 1 level of specific communities especially." So that is the motion
- 2 that is before us.
- Jim, you have offered your language as an amendment to
- 4 this.
- 5 COMMISSIONER DOBSON: Or a substitute.
- 6 CHAIR JAMES: Or as a substitute. Well, if it's a
- 7 substitute, we have to vote up or down on the motion that's on
- 8 the floor.
- 9 COMMISSIONER LEONE: I am a little confused about
- 10 what's on the floor.
- 11 CHAIR JAMES: 7.1.
- 12 COMMISSIONER LEONE: No, I mean this one is on the
- 13 floor.
- 14 CHAIR JAMES: That's correct.
- 15 COMMISSIONER LEONE: Not an amendment.
- 16 CHAIR JAMES: Not Jim's at this point.
- 17 COMMISSIONER LEONE: There was no appetite for they
- 18 should recognize that especially in economically depressed
- 19 communities --
- 20 COMMISSIONER McCARTHY: Actually it never went to a
- 21 vote. I'm not sure I even made a motion.
- 22 COMMISSIONER LEONE: That phrase?
- 23 COMMISSIONER McCARTHY: I was trying to raise it for
- 24 discussion and see how my friend to my right might view it.
- 25 COMMISSIONER LEONE: I don't think it changes the
- 26 meaning, and I think it clarifies.
- 27 COMMISSIONER WILHELM: I would accept the formulation
- 28 Richard just made, which was a little bit different from Leo's.
- 29 If it says they should recognize that especially in economically
- 30 depressed communities --

- 1 COMMISSIONER LEONE: Casino gambling has demonstrated.
- 2 COMMISSIONER WILHELM: I would accept that. You
- 3 knocked out "especially" too.
- 4 COMMISSIONER LEONE: No, I didn't.
- 5 CHAIR JAMES: Yes, you did.
- 6 COMMISSIONER LEONE: I didn't mean to.
- 7 CHAIR JAMES: Okay.
- 8 COMMISSIONER WILHELM: Let's make this Leo's amendment
- 9 then, and I'll second.
- 10 CHAIR JAMES: Right now it reads that they should
- 11 recognize that especially economically depressed --
- 12 COMMISSIONER WILHELM: Especially in economically
- 13 depressed communities.
- 14 CHAIR JAMES: Correct.
- 15 COMMISSIONER WILHELM: I don't know who made the
- 16 motion. As the drafter, it is acceptable to me.
- 17 CHAIR JAMES: Who made the motion?
- 18 COMMISSIONER BIBLE: We don't need it. The author has
- 19 accepted the language.
- 20 CHAIR JAMES: Commissioner Loescher, do you accept that
- 21 as a friendly amendment?
- 22 COMMISSIONER LOESCHER: It's a wonderful amendment.
- 23 COMMISSIONER WILHELM: We're going to have a love feast
- 24 here pretty soon, Bob.
- 25 CHAIR JAMES: We are going to do future research
- 26 tonight too.
- With that, Dr. Dobson, have you decided whether you
- 28 want to offer yours as an amendment to this?
- 29 COMMISSIONER DOBSON: Well, I don't want to waste the
- 30 time of the Commission. You all heard what I read. If that does

- 1 not contribute to where we want to go, then I will withdraw it.
- 2 But I am not sure where we are at this moment.
- 3 CHAIR JAMES: Where we are right now, let me read the
- 4 language that we are about to, I think, call for a vote on. "The
- 5 Commission recommends to state, local, and tribal governments
- 6 that when considering the legalization of gambling or the repeal
- 7 of gambling that is already legal, they should recognize that
- 8 especially in economically depressed communities, casino gambling
- 9 has demonstrated the ability to generate economic development
- 10 through the creation of quality jobs."
- 11 That is how it exists right now.
- 12 COMMISSIONER LOESCHER: Question.
- 13 CHAIR JAMES: Okay. All in favor.
- 14 Opposed? Abstentions?
- The ayes have it.
- 16 7.2. The Commission recommends to state, local, and
- 17 tribal governments that when considering the legalization of
- 18 gambling or the repeal of gambling that is already legal, they
- 19 should recognize that lotteries, Internet gambling, and
- 20 non-casino electronic gambling devices do not create a
- 21 concentration of good quality jobs and do not generate
- 22 significant economic development.
- 23 Is there a motion?
- 24 COMMISSIONER WILHELM: I move it.
- 25 CHAIR JAMES: Second?
- 26 COMMISSIONER LANNI: Second.
- 27 COMMISSIONER McCARTHY: I'm asking Mr. Wilhelm the
- 28 question, do electronic qambling devices inside casinos generate
- 29 a lot of jobs?

- 1 COMMISSIONER WILHELM: Well yes, in so far as casinos
- 2 as a whole do, sure, because electronic gambling devices are a
- 3 critical component of most casinos.
- 4 COMMISSIONER BIBLE: You're talking about electronic
- 5 devices that are employed in a convenient setting?
- 6 COMMISSIONER WILHELM: Yes, by non-casino electronic
- 7 gambling devices, I was trying to cover the waterfront of
- 8 convenience gambling and truck stops and all that other kind of
- 9 stuff that I think the record shows don't create very many jobs,
- 10 if any.
- 11 CHAIR JAMES: All right. We have the motion before us.
- 12 Was there a --
- 13 COMMISSIONER LANNI: I seconded.
- 14 CHAIR JAMES: There was a motion and it was seconded.
- 15 Any further question?
- 16 COMMISSIONER LANNI: I'll move the question.
- 17 CHAIR JAMES: Good. All in favor?
- 18 Any opposed? Any abstentions?
- 19 COMMISSIONER WILHELM: Madam Chairman, the next one,
- 20 7.3, somewhere either in my office or the Commission's, a phrase
- 21 got dropped here. The meaning therefore got altered I think in a
- 22 way that I don't think we are looking for.
- I can't remember exactly where I was, but I think this
- 24 would fix it, if 7.3 says "The Commission recommends to state,
- 25 local, and tribal governments that," and to be consistent with
- 26 the structure up above, insert after that, "(when considering the
- 27 legalization of casino gambling.)" Because I didn't mean this to
- 28 say that we're recommending that casino development should be
- 29 targeted. I only meant to say that when people are considering

- 1 the legalization of casino gambling, then they ought to target it
- 2 to certain areas.
- I don't want to put the Commission in a position of
- 4 recommending casino development.
- 5 COMMISSIONER LANNI: Can you repeat that, what your
- 6 insert is?
- 7 COMMISSIONER WILHELM: Yes. "The Commission recommends
- 8 to state, local, and tribal governments that, when considering
- 9 the legalization" - or I guess it should be "when they are
- 10 considering the legalization of casino gambling. Casino
- 11 development should be targeted for locations, " et cetera.
- The goal was to make it clear that we are not
- 13 recommending that they have casino development. We are just
- 14 recommending that if they are going to do that, they should
- 15 consider these factors.
- 16 COMMISSIONER LANNI: Need a second?
- 17 CHAIR JAMES: Yes. It does need a second.
- 18 COMMISSIONER LANNI: I'll second.
- 19 CHAIR JAMES: It has been moved and seconded.
- 20 Discussion?
- 21 COMMISSIONER LANNI: I move the question.
- 22 CHAIR JAMES: All in favor, Commission 7.3?
- 23 Opposed? Abstentions?
- 24 The ayes have it.
- 7.4. The Commission recommends to state, local and
- 26 tribal governments that studies of gambling's economic impact and
- 27 studies contemplating the legalization of gambling or the repeal
- 28 of gambling that is already legal should include an analysis of
- 29 gambling industry job quality, specifically income, medical
- 30 benefits, and retirement benefits relative to the quality of

- 1 other jobs available in comparable industries within the labor
- 2 market.
- 3 COMMISSIONER BIBLE: Move.
- 4 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Second.
- 5 CHAIR JAMES: It has been moved and seconded.
- 6 Discussion?
- 7 COMMISSIONER WILHELM: I move the question.
- 8 CHAIR JAMES: All in favor?
- 9 Any opposed? Any abstentions?
- 7.5. "The Commission recommends to state, local, and
- 11 tribal governments that when planning for gambling related
- 12 economic development, communities with legal gambling or that are
- 13 considering the legalization of gambling should recognize that
- 14 destination resorts create more and better quality jobs." I
- 15 think that should be "than casinos catering to local clientele."
- 16 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Move.
- 17 CHAIR JAMES: It has been moved. Is there a second?
- 18 COMMISSIONER LOESCHER: Second.
- 19 CHAIR JAMES: There is a second. Discussion?
- 20 COMMISSIONER LOESCHER: Madam Chairman, just one
- 21 question.
- 22 CHAIR JAMES: Commissioner Loescher?
- 23 COMMISSIONER LOESCHER: About the word "resorts." You
- 24 know, some gaming facilities like MGM grew up slowly and grew
- 25 bigger. It's huge now.
- 26 COMMISSIONER LANNI: Five thousand rooms is hard to
- 27 call small and intimate.
- 28 COMMISSIONER LOESCHER: But what I am trying to say is
- 29 that what you are saying is destination resorts. Destination
- 30 facilities, the resorts, the word "resorts" is kind of a broad

- and encompassing thing that connotes all kinds of development and
- 2 what not. I think what we are seeing is a sentiment that gaming
- 3 has its place in America, in certain geographic locations, and
- 4 that might be a good way to go to support those places that are
- 5 already developed. But I just wonder about the word "resorts,"
- 6 whether it's --
- 7 COMMISSIONER LANNI: I didn't make this motion, but it
- 8 would seem to me that if you have a resort atmosphere, you have a
- 9 lot of other amenities, which include more positions.
- Wasn't this your proposal, John?
- 11 COMMISSIONER WILHELM: Yes.
- 12 COMMISSIONER LANNI: And that it's expanding the
- 13 potential for positions than a facility that would not have all
- 14 the amenities, for example, restaurants, retail, entertainment
- 15 venues, which do constitute my understanding of the word
- 16 "resort."
- 17 CHAIR JAMES: The working definition that we have been
- 18 using in the document up until this point is, for the purposes of
- 19 this document, "destination resorts" can be defined as those
- 20 tribal or commercial casinos that offer restaurants, retail,
- 21 recreation, entertainment and/or hotels in addition to a number
- 22 of variety of gaming opportunities. I don't know if that helps
- 23 or hurts.
- 24 Commissioner Leone?
- 25 COMMISSIONER LEONE: I mean Commissioner Loescher's
- 26 point is a reasonable one in the sense that from a sort of -- I
- 27 guess I'll put it -- when Warren Beatty first went to Las Vegas
- 28 and decided to build a casino, it probably looked like a folly
- 29 and not a destination resort. So in the nature of the
- 30 entrepreneurial enterprise, if somebody wants to get started

- 1 small and eventually create another Las Vegas, it may not look
- 2 right at the beginning. I understand that is what he's saying.
- But I think the way this is written, because this is
- 4 hortatory as a recommendation, we are basically saying that when
- 5 communities or states or tribes are thinking of moving in the
- 6 direction of gambling, they should have a vision of -- the
- 7 preferred vision is of a destination resort which will produce
- 8 jobs and other economic benefits.
- 9 So I don't think it -- I think Bob has got a reasonable
- 10 point here, but I don't think this really steps all over the
- 11 concept of starting small.
- 12 CHAIR JAMES: Bob, I don't think that it does either.
- 13 It just highlights the fact that if you are considering that, you
- 14 may want to look at the fact that if you throw in --
- 15 COMMISSIONER LOESCHER: Madam Chairman, I am persuaded
- 16 by all of the fine points here, so I am going to vote for this.
- 17 CHAIR JAMES: Well, given that --
- 18 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Hey, Bob, you got a put in on the
- 19 best --
- 20 CHAIR JAMES: Given that, is there a call for the
- 21 question?
- 22 COMMISSIONER LOESCHER: Question.
- 23 CHAIR JAMES: All in favor?
- 24 Any opposed? Any abstentions?
- The motion carries.
- 26 7.6. The Commission recommends to state, local -- I
- 27 think Terry wrote this one.
- 28 COMMISSIONER LANNI: I'm writing the amendment.
- 29 CHAIR JAMES: -- to state, local, and tribal
- 30 governments that communities with legal gambling or that are

- 1 considering the legalization of gambling should look to labor
- 2 unions as a means for protecting job quality.
- 3 COMMISSIONER McCARTHY: Madam Chair, I drafted this. I
- 4 would like to withdraw it at this time.
- 5 (Laughter.)
- 6 CHAIR JAMES: Is there a motion?
- 7 COMMISSIONER WILHELM: I'll move it.
- 8 CHAIR JAMES: Is there a second?
- 9 COMMISSIONER BIBLE: I'll second.
- 10 CHAIR JAMES: It has been moved and seconded.
- 11 COMMISSIONER LANNI: I propose an amendment. It would
- 12 be following the term "unions," I would insert "and enlightened
- 13 management" as a means. That is a term that my good friend, John
- 14 Wilhelm, has used before, "enlightened management."
- 15 CHAIR JAMES: "And enlightened management?"
- 16 COMMISSIONER McCARTHY: Do you want to give a
- 17 particular number?
- 18 COMMISSIONER LOESCHER: I second the motion.
- 19 CHAIR JAMES: As long as we're doing this, Jim, do you
- 20 think we ought to add an amendment that says "and they should all
- 21 be members of Focus on the Family too?"
- 22 (Laughter.)
- 23 COMMISSIONER DOBSON: You make that proposal.
- 24 CHAIR JAMES: So what we have before us now is "The
- 25 Commission recommends to state, local, and tribal governments
- 26 that communities with legal gambling or that are considering the
- 27 legalization of gambling should look to labor unions and
- 28 enlightened management as a means for protecting job quality."
- 29 COMMISSIONER WILHELM: Terry, how about "cooperation
- 30 between labor unions and enlightened management?"

- 1 CHAIR JAMES: "Should look to cooperation between labor
- 2 unions?"
- 3 COMMISSIONER LANNI: I'm not bothered by that.
- 4 COMMISSIONER BIBLE: How about "enlightened labor
- 5 unions and management?"
- 6 (Laughter.)
- 7 COMMISSIONER WILHELM: I draw the line at that.
- 8 CHAIR JAMES: Now we have "cooperation with labor
- 9 unions and enlightened management."
- 10 COMMISSIONER LANNI: We can drop "enlightened" I think
- 11 at that point. Just "labor unions and management."
- 12 CHAIR JAMES: We want management enlightened here.
- 13 COMMISSIONER LANNI: We know that's not always
- 14 possible.
- 15 CHAIR JAMES: So as I hear it now, "cooperation between
- 16 labor unions and management as a means for protecting job
- 17 quality."
- 18 COMMISSIONER LANNI: Is that acceptable?
- 19 COMMISSIONER WILHELM: Sure.
- 20 COMMISSIONER LANNI: Then maybe this is too.
- 21 CHAIR JAMES: Any further discussion?
- 22 COMMISSIONER LOESCHER: Question.
- 23 CHAIR JAMES: A call for the question. All in favor?
- 24 Opposed? Abstentions?
- The ayes have it.
- 26 7.7. "The Commission recommends to state, local, and
- 27 federal law enforcement agencies that criminal justice
- 28 authorities at all levels should collect information on crimes
- 29 committed by problem and pathological gamblers, including type of
- 30 crime and amount of money involved. Further, bankruptcy

- 1 information related to gambling should be collected in a
- 2 standardized manner."
- 3 Is there a motion?
- 4 COMMISSIONER LEONE: I just -- on the next several,
- 5 this and the next several, I just wondered why they -- I
- 6 understand what they relate to, why they aren't in research.
- 7 Because particularly the next ones, are kind of repeated.
- 8 CHAIR JAMES: Would you like to table that until our
- 9 discussion on future research tomorrow?
- 10 COMMISSIONER LEONE: There's so much in research I
- 11 think we would make sense to look at these in the context of what
- 12 else we are going to recommend.
- 13 CHAIR JAMES: So that would be 7.7, 7.8?
- 14 COMMISSIONER LEONE: Just those two.
- 15 CHAIR JAMES: Just those two? We will consider those
- in the morning, along with future research.
- 7.9. "The Commission recommends to states with casinos
- 18 that because the easy availability of ATMs and credit machines on
- 19 casino floors encourages some gamblers to wager and lose much
- 20 more than they intended, states should ban ATM and credit
- 21 machines from casino floors."
- 22 That was an attempt to capture the consensus language
- 23 that we had. Is anyone willing to make that motion?
- 24 COMMISSIONER DOBSON: So moved.
- 25 CHAIR JAMES: Second?
- 26 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Second.
- 27 CHAIR JAMES: It has been moved and seconded.
- 28 Discussion? We had a lengthy discussion about this one.
- 29 Commissioner Lanni?

- 1 COMMISSIONER LANNI: In spite of common belief, when
- 2 you say that to "wager and lose," actually people do have an
- 3 opportunity to win. So I am not so sure that that is proper to
- 4 say. "To wager" I think, "more than they intended." I am not so
- 5 sure you say "much." I think it's "more."
- 6 COMMISSIONER LEONE: Yes. "To wager more than they
- 7 intended."
- 8 CHAIR JAMES: "To wager more than they intended?"
- 9 COMMISSIONER LANNI: "Some gamblers" should stay in
- 10 there, "to wager more than they intended."
- 11 CHAIR JAMES: It now reads, "The Commission recommends
- 12 to states with casinos that because the easy availability of ATMs
- 13 and credit machines on casino floors encourages some gamblers to
- 14 wager more than they intended, states should ban ATM and credit
- 15 machines from casino floors."
- 16 COMMISSIONER McCARTHY: Question, please. Are there
- 17 any other types of gambling facilities that also have credit
- 18 machines or ATMs on their premises?
- 19 COMMISSIONER BIBLE: Sure. Probably every 7-11 where
- 20 you have a lottery terminal has some kind of a cash withdrawal
- 21 terminal.
- 22 CHAIR JAMES: That came up during the discussion, Leo,
- 23 which was why it was confined to casino floors.
- 24 COMMISSIONER LANNI: What's a credit machine?
- 25 COMMISSIONER McCARTHY: This seems limited to casino
- 26 floors.
- 27 CHAIR JAMES: It is.
- 28 COMMISSIONER McCARTHY: Bill has just said that at a
- 29 number of convenience stops, they also have credit card machines
- 30 and ATM.

- 1 COMMISSIONER BIBLE: Yes, so you can make a withdrawal
- 2 from -- either have it chalked up to your credit card or through
- 3 an ATM transaction, have a debit taken against your bank account
- 4 and you can go buy milk or you can go buy groceries or you can go
- 5 buy lottery tickets.
- 6 COMMISSIONER McCARTHY: I am simply trying to expand
- 7 the application of it to other gambling facilities that also have
- 8 credit card machines.
- 9 CHAIR JAMES: I think when we had that discussion, we
- 10 were not able to get consensus on that point.
- 11 COMMISSIONER McCARTHY: I remember the discussion now.
- 12 Because in that kind of more mixed environment, they could be
- 13 using the credit card machines to buy other products.
- 14 CHAIR JAMES: To get money to buy milk.
- 15 COMMISSIONER McCARTHY: I see. Okay, thank you.
- 16 COMMISSIONER LANNI: Question. What is a credit
- 17 machine?
- 18 COMMISSIONER LEONE: A parent.
- 19 (Laughter.)
- 20 COMMISSIONER LANNI: That's uncollectible. I have
- 21 never heard the term "credit machine" before. I don't know what
- 22 they are.
- 23 CHAIR JAMES: I have no idea. So can we drop "credit
- 24 machine?" "Should ban ATMs?"
- 25 COMMISSIONER BIBLE: No. You want to include some kind
- 26 of a -- an ATM would be, at least in my mind, an ATM is a device
- 27 that allows you to hit your debit card out of your account. What
- 28 I think you also want to get is a cash issuing device that
- 29 creates a charge against your credit card.

- 1 CHAIR JAMES: So would it be more appropriately a
- 2 "credit card machine?"
- 3 COMMISSIONER BIBLE: Probably just a cash dispensing
- 4 device that's activated by either a debit or a credit card.
- 5 CHAIR JAMES: Should ban ATM and what was that line?
- 6 COMMISSIONER BIBLE: A cash dispensing device that is
- 7 activated by either a debit or a credit card.
- 8 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Isn't a credit machine just a
- 9 machine that all it does is give you cash? An ATM you can make a
- 10 deposit, you can deposit your check, you can do a lot of things,
- 11 your banking.
- 12 COMMISSIONER McCARTHY: Didn't we once use the language
- "credit card machines?"
- 14 COMMISSIONER LEONE: Well, it's cash advances we're
- 15 talking about.
- 16 COMMISSIONER BIBLE: There are situations where devices
- 17 themselves could be activated and you would never see cash. You
- 18 would see credits or you would see chips or you would see
- 19 something of that nature.
- 20 CHAIR JAMES: The language that Bill recommended which
- 21 may take care of that is, "states should ban cash dispensing
- 22 devices activated by debit or credit cards."
- 23 COMMISSIONER BIBLE: So it should be "cash dispensing
- 24 and other devices."
- 25 CHAIR JAMES: "Cash dispensing" --
- 26 COMMISSIONER BIBLE: "And other devices."
- 27 CHAIR JAMES: "And other."
- 28 COMMISSIONER BIBLE: "That are activated by ATM and
- 29 credit cards."
- 30 CHAIR JAMES: Devices.

- 1 COMMISSIONER BIBLE: Well, some of these machines are
- 2 going to issue you cash. You activate them by either your credit
- 3 card or your debit cards. Other of these devices may allow you
- 4 to get credit on say a slot machine, or to get chips at a table
- 5 or something of that nature. I think you want to talk about the
- 6 totality of it all. So the language needs to be tightened up.
- 7 COMMISSIONER LANNI: But there are credits for clubs
- 8 associated with the slot machines. We're not talking about that.
- 9 COMMISSIONER BIBLE: No. I'm not talking about that.
- 10 I mean I think you are just talking about something that goes
- 11 against your bank account or creates a credit for which you are
- 12 responsible.
- 13 CHAIR JAMES: Any thoughts?
- 14 COMMISSIONER LANNI: Well you've got debit machines.
- 15 CHAIR JAMES: "Activated by debit or credit cards" is
- 16 how it reads right now.
- 17 COMMISSIONER DOBSON: What if you said "ATM type
- 18 machines." Would that mean anything to anybody?
- 19 COMMISSIONER McCARTHY: I think Bill's language is
- 20 about as best as --
- 21 COMMISSIONER BIBLE: There are so many iterations out
- 22 there. You'll have machines that are traditional like in a bank.
- 23 You can put in a debit card and it issues you cash or you can put
- 24 in a credit card and it issues you, a device. Of course one goes
- 25 against your account. One creates a credit charge.
- 26 There are also devices or gaming devices that you
- 27 potentially could put in either a debit card or a credit card and
- 28 create credits and never see cash. It just goes against either
- 29 account. There are hand held devices that you can do the same
- 30 thing and you'll get issued chips.

- 1 So it's any kind of a device really within the casino
- 2 floor that creates a charge against either your debit or your
- 3 credit card, something of that nature. It needs to be broadened.
- 4 COMMISSIONER LANNI: Well, how do we deal with the
- 5 aspect of allowing machines -- it was discussed in a meeting that
- 6 when you have a need for any kind of a resort, for example, your
- 7 people don't necessarily travel with that cash. They are going
- 8 to need it for the retail for the others.
- When you say the casino floor, how is that defined?
- 10 CHAIR JAMES: Terry, you may remember during the
- 11 discussion, I, for one, raised the issue that you only got my
- 12 vote by putting in "casino floor" because I wanted the ability to
- 13 go shopping.
- 14 COMMISSIONER LANNI: I wasn't at that meeting,
- 15 unfortunately.
- 16 CHAIR JAMES: Okay, yes. I am with you, Bud.
- 17 COMMISSIONER LANNI: I just didn't know what the
- 18 definition of "casino floor" --
- 19 CHAIR JAMES: Because we talked about that. I think
- 20 there was some concern that we make it clear that we were only
- 21 talking about the casino floor, that someone should be able to
- 22 leave the casino, walk out into the hotel lobby or into the
- 23 shopping area and use a cash machine.
- 24 COMMISSIONER MOORE: This is really the gaming floor,
- 25 wasn't it?
- 26 CHAIR JAMES: Right.
- 27 COMMISSIONER MOORE: This would be on the gaming floor?
- 28 CHAIR JAMES: I don't know if that is a term of art
- 29 which describes?

- 1 COMMISSIONER BIBLE: It is not. Casino floor is not a
- 2 --
- 3 COMMISSIONER LANNI: No. Oh no, there is no definition
- 4 for specifically casino floor.
- 5 COMMISSIONER MOORE: How about gaming floor?
- 6 COMMISSIONER LANNI: I think it would have to be
- 7 defined by the individual jurisdictions as to what that is. For
- 8 us to try to define it would be very difficult.
- 9 Some, in frankness, you take some smaller properties
- 10 and it is difficult to distinguish between the casino floor and
- 11 the front desk registration, because they are right next to each
- 12 other. I can think of a couple in Las Vegas. I think we have to
- 13 leave this to the good thought process of the appropriate
- 14 authorities considering it.
- 15 COMMISSIONER BIBLE: How about in gambling areas?
- 16 COMMISSIONER LANNI: Anything we put in, I just think
- 17 that as long -- I can support this as long as we understand that
- 18 we are not trying to say that the floor, like this is on one
- 19 floor. If there was a gambling device 15,000 feet over there,
- 20 that that would be considered to be --
- 21 CHAIR JAMES: Oh yes. That was certainly not the
- 22 intention. Any language that we can come up with that would help
- 23 clarify that.
- 24 COMMISSIONER WILHELM: Can I ask a general question
- 25 about many of these?
- 26 CHAIR JAMES: You sure can.
- 27 COMMISSIONER WILHELM: Including this one. Would I be
- 28 right in assuming that when these things reach their final form,
- 29 they won't refer only to states? For example, they probably
- 30 refer to tribal?

- 1 CHAIR JAMES: Yes. We talked about the fact that we
- 2 need to come up with consistent language all the way through on
- 3 that.
- 4 COMMISSIONER LANNI: And it's not the intent of this
- 5 Commission to suggest that other forms of gambling that have
- 6 these machines in place, it's just too impossible to recommend
- 7 that they not?
- 8 COMMISSIONER McCARTHY: Do horse-racing tracks have
- 9 these machines?
- 10 CHAIR JAMES: Yes. They do.
- 11 COMMISSIONER McCARTHY: There's no logical reason why
- 12 this shouldn't apply to that circumstance. What about any other
- 13 form of gambling?
- I appreciate the argument on convenience stop gambling.
- 15 CHAIR JAMES: You may remember that we talked about
- 16 lotteries and the fact that someone could go into an ATM
- 17 convenience store and spend far more than they should because
- 18 they have an ATM machine right there.
- 19 COMMISSIONER DOBSON: It feels like we have been over
- 20 this ground.
- 21 CHAIR JAMES: We have indeed.
- 22 COMMISSIONER LANNI: But what other forms of gaming?
- 23 So you are suggesting Native American, pari-mutuel, and
- 24 commercial?
- 25 COMMISSIONER DOBSON: Yes.
- 26 CHAIR JAMES: Pari-mutuel and commercial.
- Who offered this, Dr. Kelly?
- 28 MR. KELLY: Bob Loescher, I think.
- 29 COMMISSIONER LOESCHER: No way.

- 1 COMMISSIONER DOBSON: I can tell you that I made the
- 2 motion and Bill seconded it. When we talked about not having the
- 3 machines on the floor, you said that I could support it.
- 4 COMMISSIONER BIBLE: We won't take a motion to second.
- 5 You are going back to some meeting ago.
- 6 COMMISSIONER DOBSON: Yes.
- 7 COMMISSIONER BIBLE: I indicated then, I supported not
- 8 having credit card devices or ATM devices on the gaming premises
- 9 or within the immediate area where gambling is conducted.
- 10 CHAIR JAMES: Commissioner Moore seconded it at this
- 11 meeting right now. The reason I ask is because we have had
- 12 several changes. I need to see if the maker of the motion and
- 13 the person who seconded it would be open to the suggested
- 14 language changes, which at this point include Native American,
- 15 pari-mutuel and commercial.
- 16 "This Commission recommends to states, and tribal
- 17 governments with casinos that because of the easy availability of
- 18 ATMs and credit machines on casino floors encourages some
- 19 gamblers to wager" -- we took out "and lose much" -- "more than
- 20 they intended, states should ban" -- and I am not sure where the
- 21 Native, pari-mutuel and commercial goes.
- 22 COMMISSIONER DOBSON: Shouldn't that go right after
- 23 "states" in the next to the last line, and not put it up in the
- 24 first line? "The Commission recommends that casinos, because of
- 25 the easy availability" blah, blah, blah, and down at the bottom,
- 26 "states and tribal governments should ban."
- 27 CHAIR JAMES: And pari-mutuels.
- 28 COMMISSIONER DOBSON: And pari-mutuels. Should go down
- 29 in that line and not twice, as we have now got it.

- 1 CHAIR JAMES: Right. And there was also a suggestion
- 2 that we change the language from "should ban ATM and cash
- 3 dispensing and other devices activated by debit or credit cards."
- 4 COMMISSIONER LANNI: I think when you bring in pari-
- 5 mutuel, then you say casinos, that makes it casino floor for
- 6 pari-mutuel, and have no meaning whatsoever.
- 7 CHAIR JAMES: Yes.
- 8 COMMISSIONER LANNI: What if in place of "casino floor"
- 9 we put "the immediate areas where gambling takes place?"
- 10 COMMISSIONER BIBLE: Right. I think that does it.
- 11 CHAIR JAMES: Jim, are you okay with that?
- 12 COMMISSIONER DOBSON: Yes. That is fine.
- 13 COMMISSIONER LANNI: And that, frankly, even includes
- 14 some of the convenience stores in that regard. Some of these are
- 15 reasonably large. If they have the gambling in one section,
- 16 maybe they shouldn't have the machine right where that is. It
- 17 should be in an area far away from that. So maybe we shouldn't
- 18 include it. Maybe where possible -- they are pretty large
- 19 though.
- 20 Think about the grocery stores in Las Vegas, you
- 21 wouldn't want to have -- which I don't think they should have
- 22 them there, but it's a separate issue.
- 23 COMMISSIONER BIBLE: My Wells Fargo Bank in Lucky is
- 24 right next to the slot machines.
- 25 COMMISSIONER LANNI: Right. That is what I am saying.
- 26 You could encourage them -- I think it could be broader, where
- 27 you can allow convenience stores and others not to have them in
- 28 the immediate vicinity where the gambling takes place.

- 1 CHAIR JAMES: I am going to ask Executive Director
- 2 Kelly if he would read the language as it currently exists, and
- 3 see if we can go for the question.
- 4 MR. KELLY: Okay. This is what I have. "The
- 5 Commission recommends regarding casinos or "to casinos," I
- 6 guess, "that because of the easy availability of ATMs and credit
- 7 machines on casino floors encourages some gamblers to wager more
- 8 than they intended, states, tribal governments, and pari-mutuel
- 9 facilities should ban cash dispensing and other devices activated
- 10 by debit or credit cards from the immediate area where gambling
- 11 takes place."
- 12 CHAIR JAMES: I have a problem with "recommending to
- 13 casinos."
- 14 COMMISSIONER DOBSON: And my problem is with that
- 15 convoluted sentence, because we have referred to casinos three
- 16 times. We don't need to do it all the way through. It could be
- 17 eliminated from the top.
- 18 CHAIR JAMES: I think we have the general sense of
- 19 where the Commission wants to go. Commissioner Kelly, I will ask
- 20 you to work on the language and bring it -- Director Kelly, that
- 21 you would work on language and will bring that one back tomorrow
- 22 for review. Can we pass?
- 23 Ten. "The Commission recommends to states with casinos
- 24 that states should require casinos to send" --
- 25 COMMISSIONER DOBSON: We didn't vote.
- 26 CHAIR JAMES: We tabled it.
- 27 "That we would send regular financial statements to
- 28 their preferred customers, including amounts wagered and lost
- 29 over specific time periods, much like a credit card statement.
- 30 States should also require this information to be shared with the

- 1 state in aggregate form, no identifying information, so that
- 2 policy makers can gage the extent and average personal cost of
- 3 gambling over time."
- Is anyone willing to offer that as a motion?
- 5 COMMISSIONER DOBSON: I move that we accept this.
- 6 CHAIR JAMES: Is anyone willing to offer that as a
- 7 motion?
- 8 CHAIR JAMES: Is there a second?
- 9 COMMISSIONER McCARTHY: I want to read it first.
- 10 CHAIR JAMES: Okay.
- 11 COMMISSIONER DOBSON: May I at least explain the
- 12 background for why this motion was --
- 13 CHAIR JAMES: While we're waiting for a second,
- 14 absolutely.
- 15 COMMISSIONER DOBSON: When we talked about this, we
- 16 were concerned about the fact that a problem, pathological
- 17 gamblers have a tendency to under- estimate their losses and to
- deny what is actually taking place, and especially their spouses
- 19 frequently do not know that the resources of the family are being
- 20 squandered, and that families or the people who are involved in
- 21 this kind of activity should get a statement that really forces
- 22 them to deal with their own circumstances.
- 23 CHAIR JAMES: That was the rationale behind that. Is
- 24 there a second?
- 25 COMMISSIONER McCARTHY: For purposes of discussion, I
- 26 will make a second.
- 27 CHAIR JAMES: There is a second. It has been moved and
- 28 seconded. Discussion?
- We had a great deal of discussion on this one.
- 30 COMMISSIONER McCARTHY: When did we have it? When?

- 1 CHAIR JAMES: When did we discuss this? It was at the
- 2 April 7th meeting? It was on April 8th.
- 3 COMMISSIONER LANNI: Seventh and eighth.
- 4 COMMISSIONER DOBSON: We talked about it at great
- 5 length. That's what potential consensus means. I think we
- 6 worked our way through this thing.
- 7 COMMISSIONER WILHELM: I apologize. My mind is blank,
- 8 as it often is, on the subject of -- on what we discussed about
- 9 this.
- I am a little confused about what numbers it is that
- 11 would be reported. If I, and I'm handicapped here because I
- 12 don't gamble other than by waking up in the morning and things
- 13 like that, but if I sit in front of a slot machine and I stick my
- 14 player card in there so you can track me, the casino owner, and I
- 15 play the same five dollars for eight hours, what number is it
- that is going to be reported? Is it five dollars? Is it \$50,000
- 17 because I played the same five dollars 10,000 times? What number
- 18 is it?
- 19 COMMISSIONER LANNI: It's the \$50,000 in that instance.
- 20 It's the amount that you have wagered.
- 21 COMMISSIONER DOBSON: Would it be appropriate to
- 22 receive both your wins and losses on that report?
- 23 COMMISSIONER WILHELM: Well, the same thing applies.
- 24 COMMISSIONER DOBSON: Is it going to say that I bet
- 25 \$50,000 and I won \$48,000?
- 26 COMMISSIONER WILHELM: I think that would be
- 27 interesting information.
- 28 COMMISSIONER DOBSON: Well, the first question then the
- 29 family member is going to ask you is where the hell is the 48?

- I am not trying to be cavalier about this. I really
- 2 don't know if there is a -- and I don't know enough about how
- 3 these systems work. I don't know if there is a real number that
- 4 can be reported.
- 5 COMMISSIONER WILHELM: How about the net amount.
- 6 COMMISSIONER LANNI: May I say something about that?
- 7 The fact of life is that we do not know, for example, on table
- 8 games, what the person has wagered and what they have actually
- 9 lost. There are estimates with great human failings which we
- 10 very frankly proved to Congress when they were considering
- non-resident alien withholding on the basis that we proved to the
- 12 Congress of the United States that you could not ascertain
- 13 specifically what a person has lost.
- You know what markers they have signed, but people move
- 15 in a casino from table to table. They play one place. They
- 16 don't get reported there. They play some place else. We have
- 17 estimates, but that's all we really have, are estimates. That
- 18 would be very difficult, actually impossible for us to send
- 19 statements to table game players as to what they have wagered,
- 20 because we have no idea when they sit down and put \$500 on the
- 21 table, and to use John's idea, may have played a total of \$75,000
- 22 in bets with that, winning a little, losing, what have you, back
- 23 and forth. It's absolutely meaningless information.
- I think frankly, we have never proven that the amount a
- 25 person wages or loses necessarily determines if they have a
- 26 problem or pathological issues. I think that is still open for
- 27 future research.
- 28 With all due respect to the proposer, I think this is
- 29 inane.

- 1 CHAIR JAMES: Commissioner Loescher?
- 2 COMMISSIONER LOESCHER: I have great difficulty
- 3 supporting this thing as well, because it is an invasion of
- 4 privacy and I don't want the state of Alaska to know anything
- 5 about me if I don't have to tell them, or the state of Nevada or
- 6 state of New Jersey.
- 7 The other thing is that you know, we have this zeal to
- 8 deal with pathological and problem gamblers. I agree that we
- 9 should deal with that problem and provide for it. But I think
- 10 this is really over-reaching to try to get to a problem like
- 11 that. I would be opposed to this idea.
- 12 COMMISSIONER DOBSON: You notice the words "no
- identifying information," Bob?
- 14 COMMISSIONER LOESCHER: Madam Chair, I don't care what
- 15 people say. Once you start collecting data, you put yourself at
- 16 risk. With Big Brother, big government, you know, figuring out
- 17 ways to do things lately with these computers these days, I don't
- 18 trust them, any of them.
- 19 COMMISSIONER LANNI: You may have to switch parties, I
- 20 think, the two of you.
- 21 (Laughter.)
- 22 COMMISSIONER WILHELM: You are making an assumption
- 23 about what party he's in.
- 24 CHAIR JAMES: I was about to say, I haven't made any
- 25 presumptions about where Bob may be.
- What's your pleasure?
- 27 COMMISSIONER LOESCHER: Question.
- 28 CHAIR JAMES: A call for the question or you want to
- 29 continue to work on it a little bit?

- 1 COMMISSIONER DOBSON: I am just trying to address
- 2 Terry's concerns about how this would be done. What if we go
- 3 back to the language that we used earlier in the day, and say
- 4 "where feasible."
- 5 COMMISSIONER LANNI: I wouldn't favor that either. I
- 6 happen to agree. I thought George Orwell was dead, but this is
- 7 1984 all over again. It is a true invasion of privacy. We don't
- 8 have the information available. Numbers can be created. I agree
- 9 with Bob. There is no way to maintain the privacy for
- 10 individuals.
- Individuals who request this, and they do request it
- 12 from time to time, we give them estimates for whatever purposes
- 13 that they want if they ask for it. But just to send it out to
- 14 all individuals. First of all, we don't have a record. The
- other factor is, that's what I think people don't understand that
- 16 have not worked in one of these facilities. We have many people
- 17 who come in and they don't identify themselves. If they don't
- 18 reach the Federal reporting requirement or the Nevada exemption
- 19 of title 31, we don't have information on those individuals. So
- 20 how do we send it off to somebody who has walked in off the
- 21 street?
- We get 50,000 people a day coming through our single
- 23 facility in Las Vegas, and on a weekend, 100,000. We may have to
- 24 raise the Federal income tax maybe to 60 percent to cover this
- one. I mean we would be staffing up to send things out to people
- 26 we don't even know that they exist. It's just truly impractical.
- I support every aspect of dealing with pathological and
- 28 problem gambling. The other issues we never take into account,
- 29 that the vast majority of people, based upon our research through
- 30 NORC and the NRC, have no problem with gambling. There is a

- 1 significant number, and a small percentage, but a significant
- 2 number that do. I support every aspect of that. I have been
- 3 very consistent on that.
- But when we are getting into invasion of personal
- 5 privacy, proposing something that is absolutely impractical and
- 6 impossible for casinos to deal with, I just can't support it.
- 7 COMMISSIONER DOBSON: Terry, this is a legitimate
- 8 question. It's not argumentative. Explain to me how the slot
- 9 club works and the records that are kept with regard to that
- 10 program.
- 11 COMMISSIONER LANNI: I suspect they differ from
- 12 property to property, from company to company. But basically, in
- 13 the slot area you have a -- if you are a member of the club, and
- 14 not everyone is, but if you are a member of the club you gain
- 15 points and points are redeemable for prizes or for cash. We have
- 16 the amount played. That's the issue. It's not the amount won or
- 17 lost. We don't maintain that information. The information
- 18 that's important is the level, amount of money put into the
- 19 machine. Based upon that, they gain points. It has nothing to
- 20 do with the win/lost figures. So what we have is amounts played.
- 21 CHAIR JAMES: Jim, may I suggest that you -- who was
- 22 the maker of this motion?
- 23 COMMISSIONER LANNI: It certainly wasn't me.
- 24 COMMISSIONER DOBSON: I think it was me.
- 25 CHAIR JAMES: That you may want to work to see if there
- 26 is any practical way that you can come up with any language. If
- 27 not, then we just pull it.
- 28 COMMISSIONER LANNI: I think the question has been
- 29 called.
- 30 CHAIR JAMES: Oh. Was the question called on this?

- 1 COMMISSIONER LANNI: It has been.
- 2 CHAIR JAMES: It was called. We have to vote since the
- 3 question was called.
- 4 All in favor?
- 5 All opposed?
- 6 Any abstentions?
- 7 Two abstentions, okay.
- 8 7.11.
- 9 COMMISSIONER DOBSON: Am I to interpret that that last
- 10 vote, that the ayes had it? Is that correct?
- 11 (Laughter.)
- 12 CHAIR JAMES: No. But I don't blame you for trying.
- 13 "The Commission recommends that casinos be required to
- 14 place severe restrictions and limitations on all in-house credit
- 15 extensions in order to deter problem and pathological gamblers
- 16 who would otherwise use such credit to their own detriment.
- 17 Amounts lent must be commensurate with applicant's demonstrated
- 18 ability to absorb such losses."
- 19 Is there a motion? Hearing none, the recommendation
- 20 dies.
- 7.12. "The Commission recommends that third party
- 22 check cashing practices be prohibited at all gambling
- 23 facilities."
- Is there a motion? Hearing none, the recommendation
- 25 dies.
- 26 "The Commission recommends that ATM machines that grant
- 27 credit should not be allowed on gambling premises or within 200
- 28 feet of a gambling floor or device within adjoining facilities."
- 29 COMMISSIONER LANNI: I think we have addressed this.
- 30 CHAIR JAMES: I think we have. That one is gone.

- 1 "The Commission recommends that states should conduct
- 2 an examination of lost limit policies in gambling establishments,
- 3 and require implementation based on those findings. Such
- 4 examinations should be conducted by outside objective entities."
- Is there a motion? Hearing none, the recommendation
- 6 dies.
- 7 "The Commission recommends that federal, state, and
- 8 local and tribal governments exercise fiscal responsibility in
- 9 regard to all contracts for treatment services through private
- 10 and non-profit providers. The Commission recommends that all
- 11 contracts for treatment service, with the exception of limited
- 12 experimental pilot efforts, include specific performance
- 13 measures, including measurable reduction and recidivism rates."
- Is there a motion? Hearing none, the recommendation
- 15 dies.
- 16 7.16. You all want out of this room badly, don't you?
- 17 "The Commission recommends that for gambling operations
- 18 that draw customers from other states, those revenues should be
- 19 allocated to independent entities in those other states
- 20 commensurate with the percentage of customers, revenues, supplied
- 21 by those states."
- 22 COMMISSIONER LOESCHER: Madam Chairman, in January,
- 23 February, and March, Alaska sends more people to Las Vegas than
- 24 --
- 25 (Laughter.)
- 26 CHAIR JAMES: And you want your fair share. Is there a
- 27 motion?
- 28 COMMISSIONER McCARTHY: I don't think we are ready for
- 29 this one yet, but sometime in the future we may be.
- 30 CHAIR JAMES: Okay.

- 1 Hearing none, the recommendation dies.
- 2 "The Commission recommends that gambling operations
- 3 should be required to bear the cost created by their existence."
- 4 Is there a motion? Hearing none, the recommendation
- 5 dies.
- 6 COMMISSIONER WILHELM: Does that include Frank's
- 7 salary?
- 8 COMMISSIONER BIBLE: That's the next one. Frank's
- 9 salary is the next one.
- 10 CHAIR JAMES: That's coming up here.
- 11 COMMISSIONER WILHELM: I was wondering if that was a
- 12 cost created by the existence of casinos, Frank.
- 13 CHAIR JAMES: "The Commission recommends that the
- 14 American Gaming Association" -- "further the Commission
- 15 recognizes" -- yada yada yada.
- Oh well, everybody doesn't have it. I should read it.
- 17 "The Commission recommends that the American Gaming Association
- 18 should be commended for its efforts so far to develop and promote
- 19 voluntary guidelines for casinos on pathological gambling and
- 20 should be encouraged to continue such efforts. Further, the
- 21 Commission recognizes that he AGA has acted responsibly in
- 22 beginning to address the need for casinos to develop policy
- 23 guidelines on pathological gambling by publishing voluntary
- 24 responsible gaming guidelines."
- Is there a motion? Hearing none, the recommendation
- 26 dies.
- 27 "The Commission recommends to states with casino
- 28 gambling that they should adopt workable self and exclusion laws
- 29 for the benefit of problem and pathological gamblers. Casinos
- 30 should be required to employ computerized player tracking

- 1 information for this purpose. Irrevocable election for
- 2 self-exclusion should be one option."
- 3 COMMISSIONER DOBSON: This has been dealt with.
- 4 CHAIR JAMES: I think it has.
- 5 7.20. "The Commission recommends that surveys of
- 6 prisoners should be undertaken to determine the prevalence of
- 7 problem and pathological gambling among prison populations, as
- 8 well as to determine the number and extent of crimes that have
- 9 been committed by such individuals for the purpose of obtaining
- 10 money for gambling."
- 11 May I suggest we add that to research?
- 12 COMMISSIONER LANNI: It's in research.
- 13 CHAIR JAMES: It's there.
- 14 COMMISSIONER LANNI: Is it there already?
- 15 CHAIR JAMES: Twenty one. "The Commission recommends
- 16 to all states with any form of gambling that states should set
- 17 the mandatory legal age for gambling to 21."
- 18 COMMISSIONER LANNI: We have done that already.
- 19 CHAIR JAMES: Been there. Done that.
- 20 "The Commission recommends that all gambling operations
- 21 adopt language from the AGA material on the matter of unattended
- 22 children and minors."
- 23 Is there a motion?
- 24 COMMISSIONER LOESCHER: Madam Chairman, I move the
- 25 motion.
- 26 CHAIR JAMES: Is there a second?
- 27 COMMISSIONER McCARTHY: Where is the language?
- 28 CHAIR JAMES: Well, I think we would have to look at
- 29 that language and determine. It's in the orange package.

- 1 COMMISSIONER WILHELM: It is in the material that was
- 2 given to us today.
- 3 CHAIR JAMES: Would you like to table that one, look at
- 4 it tonight and add it in the morning? It is in the orange
- 5 packet.
- 6 COMMISSIONER MOORE: I think we should.
- 7 CHAIR JAMES: "The Commission recommends that students
- 8 should be warned of the dangers of gambling beginning at the
- 9 elementary level and continuing through college."
- 10 COMMISSIONER DOBSON: So moved.
- 11 CHAIR JAMES: It is moved. Is there a second?
- 12 COMMISSIONER LANNI: Second.
- 13 CHAIR JAMES: It has been seconded. Discussion?
- 14 COMMISSIONER WILHELM: I certainly would support the
- 15 objective of this, but shouldn't it say something about how this
- 16 comes about? I mean are we laying this on teachers? Is there
- 17 some other scheme here to do this? Is someone responsible for
- 18 it?
- 19 COMMISSIONER McCARTHY: This kind of virtuous statement
- 20 is to be applauded, but it doesn't really state or objectives in
- 21 a way that those reading these recommendations would understand
- 22 how they are going to be carried out or what we do about it.
- I would pass on this one, Madam Chair.
- 24 COMMISSIONER DOBSON: Call for the question.
- 25 CHAIR JAMES: Do you want to discuss this? You call
- 26 for the question?
- 27 COMMISSIONER DOBSON: Yes.
- 28 CHAIR JAMES: Okay. All in favor?
- 29 Opposed?
- 30 Ayes, and one abstention. The ayes have it.

- 1 Twenty four, I think should be taken up with our
- 2 research in the morning.
- COMMISSIONER DOBSON: Okay, Madam Chair, may I ask my
- 4 question?
- 5 CHAIR JAMES: Now you may ask your question,
- 6 Commissioner Dobson.
- 7 COMMISSIONER DOBSON: I think the Commission, frankly,
- 8 ought to be congratulated for its work today through this very
- 9 grueling exercise. I accept the deliberative process that
- 10 involves wins and losses.
- But of all the things that happened today, there was
- one item that I am very, very disappointed about, and it involved
- 13 the failure to get a second. I don't understand it, because this
- 14 item is one that if there was a consensus that I sensed for the
- 15 past year, it has been on this particular item. It involves
- 16 3.35.
- 17 CHAIR JAMES: Would you allow Commissioners time to
- 18 turn to that?
- 19 COMMISSIONER DOBSON: Yes. More than anything else, I
- 20 am asking my fellow Commissioners why this one didn't garner
- 21 support, because I would have thought this one would have had a
- 22 unanimous vote. I didn't mumble. It's written right there.
- 23 3.35.
- 24 "The Commission recommends that states with lotteries
- 25 reduce their sales dependence on low income." Instead of less
- 26 educated, Leo has suggested "low income communities, minorities
- 27 and heavy players in a variety of ways, including limiting
- 28 advertising and the number of sales outlets in low income areas."
- 29 We have discussed this repeatedly, and we have had a
- 30 lot of --

- 1 COMMISSIONER LANNI: Is this a motion?
- 2 COMMISSIONER DOBSON: This is a motion, yes.
- 3 CHAIR JAMES: To reconsider?
- 4 COMMISSIONER LANNI: Second.
- 5 CHAIR JAMES: There is a second.
- 6 COMMISSIONER LANNI: Move the question.
- 7 CHAIR JAMES: Question. All in favor?
- 8 All opposed?
- 9 COMMISSIONER DOBSON: Where were you when I needed you?
- 10 (Laughter.)
- 11 COMMISSIONER DOBSON: I have got 14 more.
- 12 CHAIR JAMES: Let me also commend the Commissioners as
- 13 well as our audience participants and those who have been
- 14 following these proceedings at home.
- I would encourage -- we have one more piece of
- 16 business. I would ask for your attention while we finish this.
- 17 COMMISSIONER LEONE: I just want to say that anyone who
- 18 had been watching this at home all day, there are some addictions
- 19 that are worse than gambling.
- 20 COMMISSIONER LANNI: I think anyone who has been
- 21 watching this all day at home should probably commit themselves
- 22 to some institution.
- 23 COMMISSIONER LEONE: Immediately go for treatment.
- 24 (Laughter.)
- 25 CHAIR JAMES: We have tabled, and I again would ask
- 26 your indulgence and your attention for just a few more minutes,
- 27 because I think this will make our work tomorrow ever so much
- 28 easier. There were several motions that were tabled today with
- 29 the intent of Commissioners trying to see if they could work
- 30 through language or make the decision just to pull it. If we

- 1 work on these overnight tomorrow, that should go much more
- 2 quickly.
- I have asked Commissioner Kelly if he would go through
- 4 the numbers so that we all -- oh, just Director -- so that he
- 5 would go through the numbers so that all of us would be sure that
- 6 we understand which items have been tabled, and who has taken on
- 7 the responsibility to work on those overnight.
- 8 John?
- 9 COMMISSIONER WILHELM: Just two procedural questions.
- 10 One, when I read through the various research recommendations, I
- 11 was struck by the fact that in that section, as much or more as
- 12 in any other section, there is a great deal of overlap and so
- 13 forth. I wondered, and it may not be feasible in terms of time,
- 14 but I wondered if either staff or Commissioners that have some
- 15 familiarity in that area might be able to help us somewhat, order
- 16 in the conversation as opposed to going over the same things in
- 17 different ways. I don't know if that's feasible, but if there
- 18 is some way to do that, it would be great.
- 19 Then the only other procedural question I had is this.
- 20 I noted that during the day today impressively someone on the
- 21 staff came up with the revised version of what we have been
- 22 dubbing the "McCarthy" package, which is very helpful. I
- 23 wondered to what extent either tomorrow or in the very near
- 24 future, we will be able to come up with the recommendations that
- 25 we have adopted in the form in which we have adopted them?
- 26 CHAIR JAMES: Absolutely. That is going to be the
- 27 first priority of the staff immediately at the close of the
- 28 meeting tomorrow. That document should be out and in
- 29 Commissioners' hands within 48 hours.

- 1 COMMISSIONER WILHELM: Great. That's wonderful. Thank
- 2 you.
- 3 CHAIR JAMES: Having said that, Commissioner --
- 4 MR. KELLY: Director Kelly.
- 5 CHAIR JAMES: Tim.
- 6 MR. KELLY: Just FYI, you might be interested to know
- 7 that you covered 119 recommendations today. Thirty six of those
- 8 were passed. Sixty two were dropped. Twenty-one were tabled.
- 9 Let me just review those that were tabled with the idea
- 10 that a Commissioner would address them. First off this is 3.6,
- 11 Commissioner Bible. I am just going to review the ones that
- 12 Commissioners were assigned to unless you want me to go through
- 13 them all.
- 14 CHAIR JAMES: You have got to go through them all.
- MR. KELLY: All right. We start with 3.3. 3.3 was
- 16 tabled. It was stated that that will come up later. This dealt
- 17 with states policies towards their lotteries.
- 18 CHAIR JAMES: Just the numbers.
- MR. KELLY: 3.6, Commissioner Bible. 3.8 will be
- 20 revisited. 3.10 to be coupled with 3.50, which will be addressed
- 21 by Dr. Dobson. 3.11 is Dr. Dobson. 3.12, Commissioner Lanni and
- 22 Commissioner Wilhelm. 3.15, Commissioner McCarthy and Dobson.
- 3.28, Commissioner Leone. 3.29, Commissioner Dobson. 3.47,
- 24 Commissioner Leone. 3.50, Commissioner Dobson.
- 4.1 and 4.2 deferred to the research section. 4.15,
- 26 Commissioner Bible. 4.19, Commissioner McCarthy. That's
- 27 actually completed.
- 5.4, Commissioner Bible. 6.20, Commissioner James,
- 29 Chairman James. 6.21, staff. 7.7 and 7,8, tabled until the

- 1 research discussion. 7.9, myself, I will be working on that.
- 2 Then lastly, 7.22, tabled until tomorrow.
- 3 COMMISSIONER LEONE: Just one question, Tim. I thought
- 4 3.44 was something I was supposed to -
- 5 MR. KELLY: I might have misspoke.
- 6 COMMISSIONER LEONE: Okay. Folded into 3.3.
- 7 CHAIR JAMES: Are there any other questions about this?
- 8 COMMISSIONER DOBSON: 3.28, Tim?
- 9 MR. KELLY: Hang on just one second. It could be that
- 10 I left one out. 7.24 as well?
- 11 CHAIR JAMES: 7.8?
- MR. KELLY: No. 7.24 was dropped, not taken. So I
- 13 think this is a comprehensive list. That's it.
- 14 CHAIR JAMES: That's it. With that, the Commission
- 15 will stand in recess until tomorrow morning at -- what time do we
- 16 get started in the morning, Director Kelly? Is it 8:30 or 9:00?
- 17 MR. KELLY: 8:30.
- 18 CHAIR JAMES: 8:30.
- 19 (Whereupon, the foregoing matter went
- 20 briefly off the record at 6:47 p.m.)
- 21 COMMISSIONER McCARTHY: Since we are going to take up
- 22 in the morning is the research, I think close to the first thing,
- 23 is the research section, Doug Seay has some language he wanted to
- 24 hand each member of the Commission which makes a modest and not a
- 25 substantive change in three of the -- pardon me, four of the
- 26 federal research recommendations that I authored. If he could
- 27 give them to you now before you leave, you will have the
- 28 opportunity to look at them tonight.

- 1 CHAIR JAMES: I would just ask Commissioners to make
- 2 sure they get that from Doug Seay before leaving. I think he is
- 3 making copies right now.
- With that, we will convene until 8:30 tomorrow morning.